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addressed to those who are concerned with Christianity and Higher Education

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OUR STUDENT CONSTITUENCY
will be
The Theme of the 3rd Church College
Public Relations Officer Conference

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to be held at
FRENCH LICK, INDIANA
4:00 P.M., Sunday - July 12, 1959
Address Dr. Edward D. Eddy

This precedes the opening session of the American College Public Relations Association Annual Meeting.

Send in the enclosed registration card

(It is hoped that College Presidents will encourage their Public Relations officers to come to American College Public Relations Association a little early and attend this conference. The response to the last two was most enthusiastic.)

REMINDER

Time is getting short to register for the Church College Trustees Conference to be held at Junaluska, June 26 - 28, 1959.
Write to: The Board of Education
The Methodist Church
Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

QUID EST VERITAS ?

Apparently this is still a good question or at least Dr. Outler's discussion of it is being well received. Some 16,000 copies have been sent out. At this rate our 20,000 printing will soon be exhausted. Until that happens orders are being filled @ 10¢

CATHOLIC-PROTESTANT DISCUSSIONS

What promises to be an interesting gathering is the Third Study Conference of Catholic and Protestants under the auspices of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Association of American Colleges at Grove Park Inn, in Ashville, North Carolina June 28 - July 1, 1959. Among the subjects to be discussed are Catholic and Protestant Philosophies of education, Religion in the State University, Religion and Freedom.

Congratulations go to the Claremont area of Southern California:

--The Claremont Graduate School has received a grant from the Danforth Foundation for a professorship in Religion in Higher Education.

--The Upland College was accorded accreditation by the Western College Association Feb. 27, 1959. ADVANCES

--To newly founded Florida Presbyterian College and it's President, Dr. William H. Kadel - St. Petersburg, Florida, opening Sept., 1960.

ADVERTISING COUNCIL TO CONTINUE

It is good news to know that the Advertising Council has voted a three-year extension of the campaign for higher education. What has been done so far has been most helpful but one is aware that despite donated advertising worth $8\frac{1}{4}$ million the average person is not yet conscious of the Nation's stake in higher education.

PHILOSOPHER OF EDUCATION RAISE QUESTIONS

"The Decline of Educational Philosophy," by Paul Woodring, reprinted from Phi Delta Kappan: "Because we have not given sufficient attention to philosophical problems, we are afraid to attempt to discriminate between the profound and the trivial, or even to see that we must ...(quoting Walter Lippmann:) The Public interest may be presumed to be what men would choose if they saw clearly, thought rationally, acted disinterestedly and benevolently...The important issues are philosophical, and so long as the literate public believes that the critics have a firmer philosophical base than that of the educators they will continue to lend their support to the critics... Every teacher must become a philosopher. Every teacher should have a clear view of what he is trying to accomplish and of how his aims are related to the basic problems of reality, of truth, of value." This leads naturally to a report on the Annual Conference of the Philosophers of Education Society which met recently at Kansas City. We were much encouraged by the healthy ferment of discussion and differences of point of view all within an atmosphere of acceptance and personal friendliness. Pragmatism is strongly represented but critical examination is going on and the idealists and Thomists were not without effective voice. Pres. Kircher in his address raised questions as to whether Philosophy of Education is not a misnomer. He preferred the terms "educational theory" and pleaded for the inclusion of all the liberal arts in the development of understanding and social criticism. He pointed out that some philosophers of education are being dogmatic and closed in their assumption that theology only serves commitment since it is his observation that for the leading theologians today Theology is serving the purposes of inquiry. There is lacking in the Society serious effort to set forth a Protestant approach, theory of philosophy of education. Perhaps there cannot be as James Nichols and George Forell implied in statements which they made. But even if this is so, which many would not accept, we need to see clearly why and not be satisfied with Protestantism's present confusion in this area. It may be that a group of philosophers and theologians will be brought together to give some thought to this. What is needed of course is some funds that will enable us to commission such a group to meet over a period of time and at least clarify the issues in the light of the contemporary Protestant theological renaissance.

CAMPUS EVANGELISM

An excellent interpretation of Campus evangelism is "The Gospel on Campus," Charles S. McCoy and Neely D. McCarter, John Knox Press, Richmond, Virginia (Paper $1.50). Campus writing perhaps must be popular, clever and understated, but at times this doesn't quite fit the seriousness of the times and the themes. If sentimentality is emotion inappropriate to the issue then we are sometimes in danger of replacing the sentimentality of idealistic over-statement with an equally sentimental understatement and flippancy.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE REPORT

"Religion and the State University" - A report on the Conference held at the University of Michigan last Nov. is now available. - See Religious Education - March - April, 1959. (545 - 111th St., New York 25)

The special issue of the Scholar on faith and science has been very well received. Thanks to a Danforth Grant science faculty were sent leaflets telling them about it. Due to this and other effective promotion by Wesley Stevens the subscription list is the highest it has ever been 3,544. The best advertising is person to person--"Have you mentioned the Scholar to a faculty friend lately"? Or better still--send in a subscription for a friend--or at least send in the name of a friend to whom we will be glad to send a sample copy.

"SCHOLARS" AVAILABLE

If your librarian doesn't know it he should be informed that back issues of The Scholar are available on microfilm--Univ. of Michigan, 313 N. 1st St. Ann Arbor, Mich.
For people who want copies of back issues at reduced prices we are enclosing an order form for those that are available. Send in your order as soon as possible since we must reduce stock in preparation for moving in Sept. First come first served.

The Department of the Ministry will have available June 1 the findings of it's National Consultation on the Negro in the Christian Ministry in booklet form. Titled "One Ministry", the document can be secured for $1.00 a copy from the Office of Publication and Distribution, National Council of Churches, 120 E. 23rd Street, New York 10, N.Y.

MINISTRY CONSULTATION

The addresses and discussion from the conference on Christian Faith and Law, held at Chicago University last fall are now available in a reprint of the Oklahoma Law Review--(Order - Inter-Seminary, 257-4th Ave., N. Y. 10, $2.00)-- It is interesting and important not only for those directly concerned with faith and law but for those who wish to discuss the relation of faith to other disciplines.

FAITH AND LAW REPORT

The Methodist Student Movement in cooperation with Garrett Biblical Institute offers a summer Session course for those interested in training for University religious leadership. Dates June 22--July 24, 1959--Leader, Heil Bollinger Director of the Department of College and University Religious Life, The Methodist Church.
Information--P.O. Box 871 Nashville 2, Tennessee

STUDENT WORK TRAINING

The level of the discussion on the Cleveland Conference on World Order makes clear the need for the "Nationwide Program for Peace" now being planned by the Department of International Affairs of the N.C.C. in cooperation with the social action agencies of the denominations, state and local councils of churches, Foreign Policy Association and Local Councils on World Affairs. The aim is to help people in churches and colleges to discuss world problems in the light of Christian responsibility. Detail suggestions for organizational procedure, church leaders. Campus student groups and academic departments may wish to participate in this. Information available from Dr. Kenneth Maxwell, Dept. of Int. Affairs, NCC, 297--4th Ave., N.Y.

WORLD ORDER STUDY

The Life and Mission of the Church project of the World's Student Christian Federation is moving forward in significant fashion. June 13-21 there will be a Bible Study Leaders Training Seminar at Kalamazoo College. Leader: Suzanne de Dietrich of France. The March issue of Darshan, periodical of the Student Christian Movement of India is devoted to the Life and Mission Project. (Available from The SCM, SCM House, 2 Mission Rd. Bangalore 2 S. India)

BIBLE STUDY

For those interested in keeping up with creative British Christian, Social and Educational thinking we recommend "Frontier" the Quarterly published by the British Frontiers Council. This magazine incorporates The Christian Newsletter formerly edited by J.H. Oldham and World Dominion. (Frontier, 59 Bryanston St. Marble Arch London W1)

"FRONTIER"

HOW SHALL THESE CHILDREN
"PREPARE FOR COLLEGE" ?

A blue - ribbon citizens' committee spent 2 days in the Nation's capital early in Feb., gathering facts on exploitation of America's 10 million migrant workers. A few of the facts: (1) There is a lack of educational facilities for these workers' children, who during the harvest season often never attend schools, but rather work in the fields alongside both father and mother; (2) The children live in unheated sheds from which animals are removed while parents are working at farms; (3) They do not receive public health aid because they are not long enough in one area to meet residence requirements. It is because they will never get to college under these circumstances, that our higher education leaders should champion their cause and that of their parents, the unbelievably mis-used migrant workers. (From NCEA Newsnotes)

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

"If an alcoholic persists in seeking help in the fellowship of the Church, naively assuming that the folk who do all this talking about love and acceptance really mean business, he is due for a real shock. Of course, a compassionate pastor may refer him to Alcoholics Anonymous, and a magnanimous elder may send a basket of food to his distraught family, but to find acceptance the alcoholic must ordinarily go outside the Church for it.
In the main, this is so because the Church moralizes the problems of men. It treats the symptoms, if it does anything at all, and ignores the causes. It doesn't really care. It prefers peace and quiet and order to disturbance, disquiet, and the ardor which is prerequisite for the reclaiming of troubled men and women". Arthur R. McKay--McCormick Theol. Sem.
We can imagine some professors quoting this with relish. The only trouble is that the Christian community of the average Christian college is in no position to cast a stone and the quoting professor usually doing even less.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

We announce with regret two Staff changes in the C - H - E -- Reverend Richard Heaton who has served for several years as Executive Director of the Interserviceway Movement leaves in September to resume his Graduate studies.
Miss Ruth Harris, Field Program Secretary for the S-V-M - Movement also leaves in September to work with the Methodist Board of Missions as Secretary of Student Work for the Women's Division, through Miss Harris officially takes up her new post Sept. 1st, the Methodist Board is generous in allowing her to continue work with the S.V.M. in carrying out the Quadrennial Conference December 27th.

Information on Conference Sponsored through Ecumenical Voluntary Service

26 persons
8 denominations
purpose: training for work camp leadership
dates: April 13-17, 1959
place: Voluntary Service Center (UCC), R.R. 2, Pottstown, Pa.

Titled, "Toward Creativity", and recognizing the necessity for competence in the life of the group as well as an increased grasp of the role of service in the Christian Faith, the four full days of the conference were evenly divided between two spent following a typical work camp day schedule, and two spent entirely on the discussion of leadership problems. This division within such a short period was justified by the number of evaluations similar to one man who said, "The work experience was integral to the conference. The one thing which struck me was the manner in which my participation in the discussion of the Biblical doctrine of work became in some ways shaped by even the limited involvement we had in physical work."

Hubert C. Noble
General Director